Mickey Leland Environmental Internship Program (MLEIP) Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 9, 2013

Members Present

Leonard Spearman, Michele Rockelein, James DeShaw, Brandi Harrison, Debbie Mamula-Hastings, Melvin Wrenn, Ray Averitt, Diana Rader

Also Present

Juanita Baldwin and Kevin McCalla for L'Oreal Stepney

Convening of Meeting

Leonard Spearman called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Minutes for January 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Open Discussion

- Juanita Baldwin provided updates on total student applications received (326), total intern placements to date (95), and TCEQ mentor orientation sessions (2) conducted.
- ❖ Juanita Baldwin reported that current balance in MLEIP fund is \$5,684.
- ❖ Leonard Spearman provided overview of annual conference:
 - Thursday, July 11, 2013 at West Pickle Research Building, Austin
 - Interns may participate all day; Austin mentors invited for morning portion only; out of town mentors who travel to Austin may participate all day
 - Conference will be webcast to participating TCEQ regional offices
 - TCEQ will fund Facility and A-V Equipment
 - Diana Rader reported that W&M Environmental will pay for conference parking fees.
 - Debbie Hastings (TxOGA) and Ray Averitt (Oncor) reported that their organizations will split the cost of catering for conference and pay for food.
 - Board members were invited to bring promotional items (pens, hi-liters) for conference bags and provide to Juanita prior to the event.
 - Draft conference agenda with proposed speakers was reviewed and finalized.

Adjourn

The next meeting date is TBA and will be post-conference. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.